

CONFIRMATION REQUIREMENTS 2010-2011

All Confirmation students must attend classes regularly. Two absences are allowed. Additional absences will result in additional community service hours required. Students will be notified when they exceed this limit and the amount of additional service hours that must be completed (2 additional hours for each additional absence).

All Confirmations students are to attend mass weekly and leave a signed church bulletin in the Bulletin Box. Bulletins may be signed by Father Shawn, Father Augustine, Deacon Jack, Sister Georgeann, Mrs. Canell, or any of the four Confirmation teachers. Students who attend mass at churches other than Saint Joseph Church may turn in their bulletins to their teachers during CCD class time. Students are responsible for providing a pen for the signature. Signed bulletins are to promote communication between church authorities and our young adults. Four missed bulletins will be allowed. Additional missing bulletins will result in additional community service hours required (2 additional hours for each missing bulletin).

All Confirmation students must perform 40 hours of community service *before* October 1, 2011. Twenty hours should be for Saint Joseph Church or your family's parish. The remaining twenty hours should benefit the community at large. Any work done for family members will only be considered community service if the work is done without pay. Daily chores done within the home will not be considered community service.

All Confirmation students are to attend a retreat. A list of retreat dates and locations will be handed out in September. You must attend a retreat before May 1, 2011. After this date it will be your responsibility to find and schedule your own retreat *with* the approval of Father Shawn.

All Confirmation students must choose a sponsor. Your sponsor must not be one of your parents. Your sponsor must be a Confirmed Catholic in good standing with the church. A sponsor should be someone you can call upon in times of moral crises and/or great joy, and someone who is willing to share his/her time, wisdom, and love of God. If your sponsor is not a parishioner of Saint Joseph Church, he/she must obtain a Sponsor Certificate from his/her church. All Confirmation students must also choose a Saint's name to adopt when confirmed. This Saint should embody virtues that you would like to see in yourself as an adult in the Church.

A one page Saint and Sponsor report (handwritten or typed – font size limit 14) will be due by our last class. This report must include 1 or 2 paragraphs explaining who your sponsor will be, and why you chose him/her to be your sponsor. This report must also include 1 or 2 paragraphs describing your Saint's name and background and why he/she was chosen.

All Confirmation students must have a copy of their Baptism and First Holy Eucharist certificates on file. Please obtain these from the church where celebrated if other than Saint Joseph Church in Meriden.